

KROONSTAD HAS FALLEN.

Transvaalers Will No Longer Fight in Free State.

PRESIDENT STEYN FLEES.

Entry of Invading Army Not Opposed by the Burghers—Many Free Staters Go Home—Accuse Transvaalers of Desertion—New Capital at Lindley.

London, May 15.—General Roberts has entered Kroonstad, meeting with no opposition. He has sent the following despatch to the War Office:

"Kroonstad, 2 P. M.—I entered Kroonstad at 1:30 to-day without opposition, when the Union Jack was hoisted amidst cheers from the few British residents.

"President Steyn fled last evening, after vainly endeavoring to persuade the Burghers to continue opposing us. "The Transvaalers said they would no longer fight on Orange Free State soil, and made off for the Vaal River. "Free Staters accused the Transvaalers of having made use of them and then deserting. Many of the Free Staters have gone to their homes. "The procession entering the town was headed by my bodyguard, all of whom were Colonials, and after my staff and foreign officers came the North Somerset Imperial Yeomanry, followed by Pole-Carew's division, consisting of the guards and the Eighteenth Brigade Navals, the Eighty-third, Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth Batteries, two five-inch guns manned by the Royal Artillery Company and the Twelfth Engineers. The rest of the force encamped around the town.

"Before leaving Kroonstad President Steyn issued a proclamation, making Lindley the seat of government of the Free State. "Generals Botha and De Wet accompanied the Transvaalers."

BRITISH NOW SANGUINE.

Practically All of Free State in British Control.

London, May 15, 4 A. M.—The situation at the seat of the war in South Africa is as satisfactory from the British viewpoint as the most sanguine could have hoped a week ago. The occupation at Kroonstad practically places the whole Orange Free State in British possession.

It is evident that Lord Roberts' despatch that the disintegration has commenced. The Free Staters are scattering to their homes, while the Transvaalers have gone northward, declining to fight longer in the Orange Free State. What little resistance the former are still likely to make seems to be centering at Lindley, whither President Steyn has transferred his government.

There is no further news regarding the advance of the relief column to Mafeking, but it is possible that Lord Roberts' successes will result in forcing the Boers to abandon the siege.

Pretoria advices via Lorenzo Marques state that the Boers' supply of smokeless powder is exhausted and that all attempts to manufacture a fresh supply has been unsuccessful.

Laborer vs. Millionaire.

Jersey City, May 15.—Comment was created by the publication of a legal opinion involving the financial value of a human life. The legal proceeding referred to was an opinion by Judge William S. Gummere, of the

New Jersey Supreme Court, in a suit brought by the children of Filomena Novella against two men who had killed him in a fight. Judge Gummere said:

"It is hard to ascertain what loss children sustain in the premature death of a father. In the death of a laborer the loss in sorrow may be just as great as in the death of a millionaire. But the pecuniary loss would be greater in the case of the death of a man making \$10,000 a year than in the death of a man making \$1.50 a day."

Judge Gummere attracted general public attention a year ago by holding that the value of an infant's life might be from six cents to one dollar.

German Captured by British.

Brandford, Friday, May 15.—Among the prisoners of the Foreign Legion captured during the fighting at the And River was a German named Trickman, from Erfurt. He claimed to be a journalist, but was found hiding in the cactus bush with a rifle in his hand.

Munich, May 14.—Dr. Herman Leir, Court Musical Director, is dead.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Some of the More Important Work of Our Law Makers.

The Senate passed the Naval bill with the committee's proposition regarding armor plate. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to buy armor at \$445, if procurable at that price, if not he is to pay \$545 and erect a plant to cost not more than \$4,000,000. The bill also directs the purchase of five Holland boats at not more than \$170,000 each.

Mr. Gage yesterday sent to the House the figures regarding the manufacture of oleomargarine asked for in the resolution of May 8.

The House has passed the General Deficiency bill.

Mr. Brosius in the House yesterday gave additional figures on the working of the new financial bill.

The Senate Committee on Intercolonial Canals has ordered a favorable report on the Nicaragua Canal bill as it passed the House.

President McKinley received a delegation of prominent citizens of Buffalo, who protested against the appointment of John R. Hazel as Judge of the new Western Judicial District of New York.

The Navy Department has not yet approved the Construction Board's report disapproving of the adoption of superimposed turrets on the new battleships projected.

Cubans are alarmed over the falling off in revenue receipts. The new tariff which will take effect June 15, is expected to remedy this condition of affairs.

One hundred and eighty-one private pension bills were reported and passed by the House of Representatives yesterday.

Members of the Canal Commission appeared before the Senate committee and endorsed the Walker Board's report in favor of the Nicaragua route.

Gov. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt were the guests of honor at a dinner given at the White House by President and Mrs. McKinley.

The House bill, providing for the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people, will not be acted upon by the Senate at this session.

The bill providing travel pay for officers and enlisted men of the Army was passed in the House of Representatives.

It is said that C. A. Towne, who was nominated for Vice-President by the Sioux Falls Populist Convention, will withdraw rather than create any embarrassment for Bryan and his cause.

Andrew Carnegie came out in favor of the re-election of President McKinley, who he says will make a better executive in his second term than in the first.

Indiana Republicans are reported to be split on the question of Porto Rico legislation.

Daniel J. Campau, Chairman of the Bryan Campaign Committee, says that the Kansas City convention platform will contain a 16 to 1 plank.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, announced that he was a candidate for re-election to the Democratic National Committee chairmanship.

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, was re-elected Chairman of the Sioux Falls Populist National Committee.

Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, declared that he was not a candidate for United States Senator or for any other office.

By a vote of 22 to 24 the Senate rejected the proposed amendment to the Naval Appropriation bill providing for the establishment of government armor plate factory.

LAMTELL SURRENDERS.

Towerman Whose Negligence Caused Fatal Tunnel Wreck is a Prisoner.

Philadelphia, May 15.—Frank Lamtell, the towerman whose negligence caused the fatal train wreck in a tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway by which seven men were killed, surrendered himself. Lamtell admits he fell asleep while on duty. The property loss will reach \$185,000.

About thirty-five firemen were either burned or overcome by smoke while fighting the flames which broke out in the debris immediately after the fire. None of them, however, was seriously injured.

Firemen have been at work all night and all to-day, but it has been impossible as yet to extinguish the flames.

Owing to the heat and smoke and gaseous air in the tunnel the firemen entered the tunnel only a short distance without being overcome. Holes were dug in the street to make vents and the roof of the tunnel was blasted, but to no avail. The bodies of the engineer and fireman and five tramps who were said to be on the train have doubtless been cremated.

MACARTHUR CHANGES POLICY.

Gives Authority to His Staff in Matters of Detail.

Manila, May 15.—In the last few days General MacArthur has received more officials, consuls, officers and representatives of commercial bodies. To Lieutenant-Colonel Crowder, his military secretary, he will assign many duties heretofore devolving upon the Adjutant-General. This step is taken in view of the increasing importance of the post of Governor-General.

General MacArthur's policy appears to involve much decentralization. He will give to his staff authority in matters of detail and will devote himself largely to questions of policy.

Hong Kong, May 15.—The Governor has issued a proclamation forbidding the export of arms from the colony.

The object of this is to prevent the shipment of arms brought here from Germany by the Filipino junta.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Events of the Past Week Told in a Few Words.

Latest reports confirm the demoralization in the ranks of the Free State forces, and predict their early disbandment.

The Transvaal Volksraad, at a secret session, resolved to order all residents, irrespective of nationality, to assist in the defense of the republic.

Over one thousand banks will have to be supplied with new currency plates, under the Currency Act of March 14. It will be four to six months before all can get these plates.

J. A. Gabrielson, a Chicago drug clerk, had himself bound and gagged after robbing his employer to get money for his education.

American forces occupied the towns of Hilongos and Maasin, on the island of Leyte, after hot engagements with the Filipinos.

Fifty buildings were destroyed by fire in Camden, N. J. The loss will reach \$200,000, not more than one-third of which is covered by insurance.

Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson says that the Democratic party will eventually swallow the Populist party.

The prospects are that the Newport season of 1900 will be more active sportingly than socially.

The Southern Industrial Convention met in Chattanooga, Tenn., Wednesday and Thursday.

The Rev. Oliver Huckle, a Baltimore minister, drew a comparison between Cromwell and Gov. Roosevelt, in a sermon.

The Yukon River is open at Dawson, steamers having already started from La Barge down, owing to the early break-up of the ice.

The Cuban sugar cane crop will be \$0,000 tons less this year than in the year preceding.

Snow fell in Manchester, N. H., the thermometer registering 23 degrees above zero. Snow also fell in Port Jervis, N. Y., to a depth of a half an inch.

Sir Thomas Lipton has reconsidered his determination to again challenge for the America's Cup.

The late John Ruskin, who at one time was worth \$1,000,000, left an estate valued at \$50,000.

A vein of gold ore fifty feet wide, was located at the mines of the Portland Gold Mining Company, in Colorado.

One of the Boer prisoners at St. Helena, was shot by a sentry while trying to escape.

A subscription has been started in Moscow to purchase a large piece of plate to be sent to Gen. Cronje.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, in a speech at Birmingham, defended the British war policy and said that the Boer republic must be made part of the British Empire.

The Transvaal Government has issued a notice that the underground mining rights on the Rand will be sold at public auction in the church square, at Pretoria, on June 26.

The Custom House at Lorenzo Marques is congested with imports awaiting the decision of the Lisbon Government regarding articles that are contraband of war.

Seven tribes, representing 50,000 men, have joined the revolt of the Ashantis against British authority in the African Gold Coast Colony.

The Turkish Government has decided to introduce octroi duties at Gallipoli, despite the protest made by the foreign embassies.

Tax riots in Spain are increasing in violence, particularly in Barcelona and Valencia, where a number of persons have been killed and wounded.

American troops occupied the province of Masbate, after shelling and capturing the town of Palanos.

The Austrian Government has decided to ask the Reichsrath for a credit of 16,000,000 crowns more than that of last year for the army and navy.

In the suburbs of Rome, an Italian peasant named Mennel, murdered his entire family, consisting of nine persons.

Agents of the Post Office and Treasury Departments are on their way to Cuba to investigate the Cuban Post Office frauds.

Reports from Cuba say that the total amount of the postal frauds may be \$400,000.

Mrs. Anna Reading Gazzam, according to the jury's verdict in Philadelphia, Pa., must pay \$25,000 to Mrs. Elizabeth G. Reading for alienating the affections of the latter's husband.

Mrs. Mary D. Grace, a school teacher of Syracuse, N. Y., has been informed that the courts of Mexico have recognized her title to silver lead mines worth from \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

At the meeting of the Council of the American Institute of Archaeology reports were received of highly important discoveries of an ancient Mycenaean palace in Crete.

Annie Jackson, the granddaughter of a wealthy retired merchant of Harlem, eloped with the son of a livery stable keeper.

ST. LOUIS CAR STRIKE.

Men on the Suburban Road Will Return to Work To-day.

St. Louis, May 15.—There were important developments in the street car strike situation to-day. At a conference held between the officials of the Suburban Railway Company, the only system in St. Louis not absolutely controlled by the Transit Company, and on which a strike was inaugurated ten days prior to that declared on the transit system, and the officials and employes of that road, an amicable adjustment was effected, and the men will return to work.

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